

THE MEANING OF CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

To climb a mountain alone would be foolhardy. Before we begin our dangerous ascent in climbing a mountain, we must first attach ourselves to a rope which then binds us to the guide. In the knowledge that in this world of temptations, the ascent of the good life is difficult, our Lord, Jesus, directed His followers to bound together by a rope of common faith and fellowship known as the church.

He Himself is our Divine Guide. Only He can lead us, beyond this world of uncertainty into the valley of a saving faith and eternal sunlight.

But why is it vital for us to be bound together by the fellowship of the church in order to climb the heights of Christian faith.

First, we need the help of others to be better climbers. It is a fallacy to think that we can reach these heights by our own efforts alone. We need each others infectious enthusiasm to keep our own desire to reach a high peak. When we climb with others, we are challenged and encouraged to increase our efforts to follow Him, our Master.

Second, we need to be bound together in fellowship in order to serve the church. It is selfish to enjoy the fruits of achievement alone. We need to help others to reach the summit of faith and hope. We need to offer our hand to others who need our example and encouragement.

Let us then resolve to be bound together in His Spirit to aspire to the heights for the glorification of our beloved Church.

